

Greenville County Sales Tax Fact Sheet

- The one cent sales tax would generate an estimated \$673,193,630.00 over an eight-year period.
- By law, the tax is limited to a period of eight years or \$673,193,630.00 (whichever comes first).
- After the limit is met, Greenville County citizens would have to vote again to pass another sales tax to continue the program.
- The sales tax would not be collected on rent payments, mortgage payments, medicine, income taxes, property taxes, gasoline or utilities.
- Clemson University has estimated that the one cent sales tax would cost the average Greenville County citizen \$47 per year.
- Unlike a state or federal gas tax, revenue generated by a Greenville County sales tax could only be used to fund projects within Greenville County.
- The money raised by the one cent sales tax could only be used to fund the projects currently on the list compiled and prioritized by the Greenville Citizen Roads Advisory Commission. The list cannot be changed during the course of the program. The only modification that can be made is to delay the resurfacing of some roads if the utilities need to be upgraded.
- The Greenville Citizen Roads Advisory Commission agreed to include state secondary roads on the project list due to the lack of funding provided by the state gas tax and the federal gas tax.
- The projects on the list fall into four categories:
 1. Improvements to highways, roads, streets and intersections to include widening, realignment and signalization of existing roads and construction of new roads (\$297,770,006).
 2. Improvements to bridges to include replacing, installing, constructing and rehabilitating bridges (\$27,800,000).

3. Improvements to pedestrian-related transportation facilities to include adding, improving and repairing sidewalks, crosswalks, trails and bike lanes (\$47,623,630).
 4. Resurfacing of highways, roads and streets (\$300,000,000).
- The Transportation Projects Funding Referendum Ordinance, which includes the actual ballot question and a complete project list, is available on the Greenville County website at <http://www.greenvillecounty.org/roadscommission/>.
 - A list of projects within the city of Greenville and a corresponding map are available on the City's website at www.greenvillesc.gov.
 - The City resurfaces its streets on about a 55-year cycle. The County is on a 51-year cycle and the state secondary roads are on an 83-year cycle.
 - With the one cent sales tax, over 50% of the City's streets would be resurfaced in the eight-year period.
 - Currently, 56% of the City's streets are in the "fair" or "poor" categories. At the end of the eight-year period, all would be in the "good" or "very good" categories.
 - Over 35 of the sidewalk projects are directly adjacent to school property and/or part of the Safe Routes to School Master Plan.
 - The majority of the road improvement projects are safety improvements to intersections or the addition of a third lane to provide a median/turn lane space on existing two lane roads (to reduce the number of rear end and turning accidents and improve traffic flow).